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GOOD NEWS: While taking care

## COVER PICTURE

Here we have this beautiful little snow-  
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 is what I want to call it. Those wonderful  
 little tabular and columnar crystals of frozen  
 water, formed directly from the water vapor  
 of the air, have so silently draped and  
 formed this lovely snowscape.

You will notice the photographer's, or  
 someone's, tracks are the only thing to mar  
 this display of God's handiwork. This re-  
 minds me of the tracks of the enemy in the  
 garden of paradise, Eden.

This is, indeed, marvelous, and one mar-  
 vels all the more when he remembers that  
 no two of those innumerable snowflakes are  
 alike. They are every one different—only  
 God could design such mysterious beauty.

May God, with His Holy Spirit, so clothe  
 us throughout all this coming year.



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 at Lee's Chapel. Sister Irene Chavers  
 did the preaching and the Lord gave  
 us three saved, three sanctified and  
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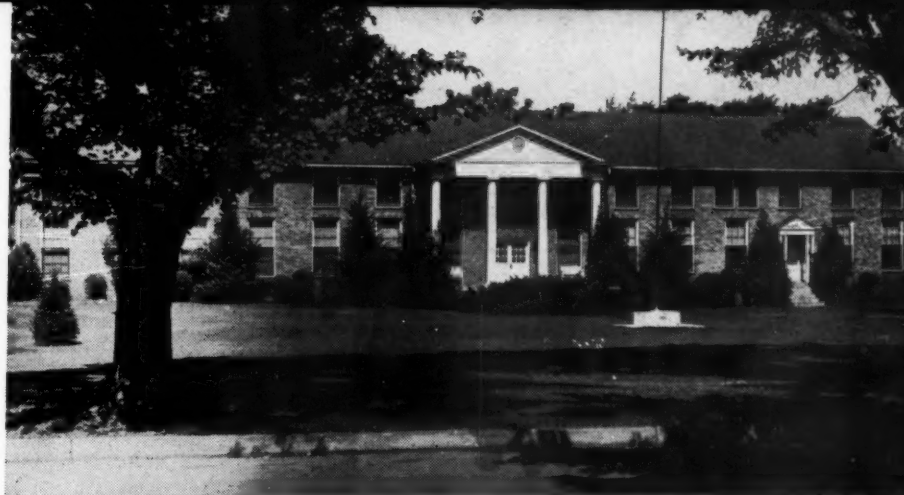
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# Great Preachers and Speakers at Lee College

By E. L. Simmons, President



Girls' Dormitory — Lee College

There are a great many instructive and inspirational features of which one has the advantage in attending Lee College, besides the regular academic, religious, or junior college courses. One of the outstanding of these is that students have the privilege of listening to some of the finest speakers obtainable. At each Sunday evening service, one of the leading ministers of the Church of God is engaged to speak. These are gathered from widely scattered areas, giving the listeners the privilege of hearing from the various sections of the United States. Added to this is an occasional visit of one of our returned missionaries, or perhaps a prospective missionary, who also, in addition to visiting the Mission Club, makes an appearance before the entire student body.

Aside from our own preachers and speakers, we have already had several outstanding speakers this year. The Reverend Leonard Steiner, of Basel, Switzerland, who is chairman of the Pentecostal World Fellowship, was with us in two services and delivered great messages, which were enjoyed by the entire student body. The report of this has been made heretofore, in the Evangel, but its true value will not be soon forgotten by those who heard him.

Possibly the greatest and most outstanding international speaker to address the school this year has been Reverend David J. du Plessis, General Secretary of the Apostolic Faith Missions, with headquarters in Johannesburg, South Africa. This Pentecostal work is the largest on that continent, having a total membership of 85,000, 25,000 of whom are natives. We often think of Africa as a land to which we send missionaries, rather

than one where there are Pentecostal churches constantly sending missionaries; but the missionary budget of the Apostolic Faith Mission in South Africa is \$40,000 per year, which is spent for the evangelization, principally, of the natives in the interior. According to Dr. du Plessis, there are well over 600 native workers attached to this religious order. He also states that the Apostolic Faith Mission of South Africa ranks as one of the larger Pentecostal fellowships of the world. Its system of church government is one of the very best, functioning in a very effective way and bringing many souls into the kingdom of Christ.

The work in South Africa is necessarily bilingual, while the official language is English, the native African dialect must also be used, and through their native tongues thousands have the gospel preached to them.

Dr. du Plessis gave the school two very interesting addresses, the first of them being on South Africa as it is related to Pentecost; his trip through Europe, making a survey of the Pentecostal religion in France, Germany, Sweden, and Finland, with the post-war opportunities they afford, and finally his survey of the Pentecostal churches in America as compared with Pentecostal work abroad. His survey discloses that Sweden is possibly the strongest Pentecostal country in the world, computed on a per capita of percentage basis, while possibly South Africa is next. These countries began enjoying the Pentecostal experience simultaneously with, or immediately after, the great outpouring of the Spirit in California. They have made rapid prog-

ress, and this lets us know that while God has been marvelously working in this country, we have few Pentecostal people compared with those in the rest of the world. Though there has been much sorrow, misery, deprivation, and hunger in the war-torn countries of Europe, God is still wonderfully blessing, the Pentecostal banner is flying high, and there is a greater opportunity for the cause of Christ there now than has ever presented itself before.

The second address of Dr. du Plessis to the school was a very inspirational message on "The Baptism of Fire." The presentation given by Brother du Plessis was somewhat different from anything we had ever heard, or possibly that had ever been presented in the school before. He felt that such an experience was necessary in every individual life as they grew older in the experience of Pentecost, to remove the superfluous materials in the religious experience and leave only the sincere, real, and genuine.

The speaker drew a very beautiful analogy of the Christian, and particularly the minister's life; how that wheat planted came up only as a blade, and then the stalk, all of which was chaff and yet necessary to the growth of what would finally be fruit. The final contrast in his development, he pictured as being six feet of chaff and six inches of wheat, and then finally the threshing time when all the chaff, straw, and otherwise superfluous material would be taken away and possibly burned, and only the big bags of wheat, material for service, would be left. "Wheat in its growth," he said, "is easily shaken

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# BIBLE GLINTS *and* Late Events

BY THE EDITOR



## FORGIVEN!

Not far from New York, in a cemet'ry lane,  
Close guarding its grave, stands a simple headstone,  
And all the inscription is one word alone—  
"Forgiven!"

No sculptor's fine art hath embellished its form,  
But constantly there, through the calm and the storm,  
It beareth this word from a poor fallen worm—  
"Forgiven!"

It shows not the date of the silent one's birth,  
Reveals not his frailties, nor lies of his worth,  
But speaks out the tale from his few feet of earth—  
"Forgiven!"

The death is unmentioned, the name is untold,  
Beneath lies the body, corrupted and cold,  
Above rests his spirit, at home in the fold—  
"Forgiven!"

And when, from the heavens the Lord shall descend,  
This stranger shall rise and to glory ascend,  
Well known and befriended, to sing without end—  
"Forgiven!"

—Author Unknown.

## CHRISTIAN RELIEF IS DIRECT

"Our household includes nine orphan girls. I wish you could have witnessed the thrill when the parcel was unpacked and the good things came to light. The Lord is very good to us. He supplies all our needs and we can never cease to praise Him for His loving care of which this gift was a token."

"The parcel, such a wonderful and helpful surprise, has been divided with the married members of the family and with the postman who brought it, for he has never received a parcel himself."

"At our little Mission we have visiting speakers each week end, and as the rations are too small to divide into seven, we cannot expect the speaker to bring a day's supply. Different members entertain the minister each week. Thus the burden of food is shared out and we manage. You will understand, therefore, how even a little extra is appreciated, and the parcel was by no means little."

## CHRISTIAN RELIEF IS WORTHWHILE

"This distribution was appreciated to the fullest value by our brethren who have passed through the severest difficulties without ever mentioning anything to anyone. Every conceivable thing was attempted, honest and dishonest, during the war years and now to meet the emergency, but for conscience' sake, not one here meddled in such matters, and although none died of hunger and could make ends meet, I leave you to appreciate their most delicate and inner trials because of their loyalty to Christ."

"I can only quote 2 Corinthians 9:12. Already I have taken one packet of food to a retired, invalid missionary

and given another share to friends, and I've many plans for the remainder, including sending some little taste to two dear old octogenarian saints, one of them blind."

"Surely our dear heavenly Father has put this loving thought in your hearts, 'a sacrifice well pleasing to Him.' There seems to be little prospect of more rations here and one wonders what next winter will be like. Our good American friends have certainly helped us much. God bless them."

"No moment could have proved more providential to face still dire needs amongst our children and our old, sick, or overworked, or financially overburdened people. We fervently pray that such thoughtful benefactors may, indeed, enjoy all the blessings divinely promised to those who give to the Lord Himself when taking care of His afflicted brethren."

## CHRISTIAN RELIEF IS SPIRITUAL

"The food is a most practical token of our unity in Christ and put me in mind of the efforts of the early church in coming to the help of those in need in Jerusalem."

"We are quite conscious that God is in this. 'He worketh for those that wait on Him' and 'He falleth not.'"

"This parcel is God's gift to us, and you are His 'ravens!'"

"While one's body is to benefit by the food sent, one's soul is also very much enriched by this practical demonstration of the thoughtfulness and love of Christian friends. How much one becomes aware of the extent of this wonderful fellowship we are brought into in Christ."

"Had the parcel failed to arrive after we had notice about it, we should still have had thankful hearts, that the dear Lord had stirred the hearts of some dear people to plan the sending of a parcel here. It is from someone unknown to us now, but whom we shall meet hereafter by His grace."

"We just knelt in prayer to God and thanked Him for His goodness when the parcel came. He had put it into the minds of fellow believers on your side of the ocean to be united to their brethren here in the practical generosity of Christian love. After five years in the RAF, I know He is truly Jehovah-Jirah."

"The parcel is being divided between five families and will make just that little difference we have missed so long. It may be that in these days we are being taught more fully than before the real meaning of 'Give us this day our daily bread,' and though it may become increasingly a hand-to-mouth existence, yet when the supply comes from God's hand, through His servants, to our mouths, we need have no fear of the future, for He has said that our bread and water shall be sure."

—From N.A.E. WAR RELIEF COMMISSION.

## RULES OF LIFE

Always speak the truth.  
Make few promises.

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# EDITORIALS...

Recently the Chicago Congregational Church reported in their official publication that on taking a poll of their fifty pastors they found the following:

Two did not believe that Christ ever lived on the earth.

Twelve considered the crucifixion a "noble example."

Twenty-three believed that it was "divine redemption for sinful men."

Eight denied the doctrine of original sin.

Thirty decided that there was "a tendency toward evil in human beings."

Seven did not believe in the resurrection, but half the ministers considered Jesus a "necessary mediator between God and men."

Only eight of the fifty held the Bible authoritative in matters of faith, rather than merely a guide.

Thirty-five counted the church as indispensable.

Thirteen rated it "helpful."

The CHRISTIAN CENTURY, considered very liberal, is amazed at this "theological confusion," and states that this seriously handicaps evangelism. Doctor Bob Shuler says of the approximately one hundred Methodist ministers in greater Los Angeles, that he seriously doubts if as good a percentage of sound pastors, doctrinally, could be found among them. He feels this condition has practically killed evangelism for Methodism.

Failure to believe the Lord Jesus Christ to be the only begotten Son of God, whose shed blood purchased for fallen humanity eternal salvation, is surely spiritual bankruptcy, for one must believe that one must be born again. Those who do not believe, and have never been born anew, know exactly nothing about the spiritual relationship with God, therefore are in no position to teach others how to be saved. There is a definite change from death to life. Those "dead in trespasses and sins" become alive forevermore—a transformation about which the person is fully aware, for John says (1 John 3:14), "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." God's love is shed abroad in our hearts and we become sons of God, heirs of the great promise, and joint heirs with the Lord Jesus Christ, when we accept Him as our personal Savior. But when the foundation is destroyed, the house of faith tumbles down. There is nothing left on which it can rest, therefore there is no soul burden; there is no travelling prayer, for the minister who thinks there is nothing to the new birth will spend no time in agonizing prayer, nor will his messages bring conviction and true repentance. Consequently, no revivals could be expected. Revivals come in answer to earnest, travelling prayer and the preaching of God's Word. Faith cometh by hearing.

May God help us Pentecostal brethren, who have this burning message, to keep the anointing of God, the burden for lost souls, the proper consecration, and the proper vision, for there is a tremendous responsibility resting upon each one of us. This is certainly no time to talk criticizing of others and boastfully of ourselves, for God is expecting, and rightfully should, that we act like people filled with His Holy Spirit. If we are not careful, we, too, can be sidetracked, for the devil is still alive. Yes, I know God is still on the throne, but wouldn't it be too bad if we were to lose the vision of the great commission to go into all the world? I sometimes wonder how God feels about us when thousands of us never give as much as one per cent of our

income to share the gospel with others—and that at a time when we (our people) have received the greatest amount of finances.

We must remember our responsibility to preach and to practice the whole Bible rightly divided, so that multiplied thousands of people the world around may see the true Christian spirit in us and be constrained to serve God.

## WE KNOW

Are you in on the "know"? Millions of dollars are spent annually just to "know" certain things. How many times you wished so much you could only "know." Some things are more important to "know" than others.

Job said: "God is great, and we know him not," Job 36:26.

Isaiah said: "Our iniquities, we know them," Isaiah 59:12. or can we, with Hosea, say: "My God, we know thee," Hosea 8:2? "We know that we have passed from death unto life," I John 3:14; "And hereby we know that we are of the truth," verse 19? And with Matthew (22:16), "We know thou (Christ) art true"? And with Jesus, can we say, John 4:22, "We know what we worship"? "We know that an idol is nothing," 1 Cor. 8:1, and want to tell the whole world about it.

We know that He abideth in us, by the Spirit which He hath given us, 1 John 3:24. Hereby know we that we dwell in Him and He in us, 1 John 4:13. And we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep His commandments, 1 John 5:2.

We know that we have the petitions that we desired of him. 1 John 5:15.

We know that all things work together for good to them that are called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28.

"But we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is," 1 John 3:2.

Then remember, we can always assuredly believe and "we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens," 2 Cor. 5:1.

## RULES OF LIFE (Continued from page 4)

Never be idle.

Never play games of chance.

Drink no intoxicating drinks.

Good character is above everything else.

Keep your own secrets, if you have any.

Do not marry until you are able to support a wife.

Keep honest if you would be happy.

When you speak to a person, look into his eyes.

Make no haste to be rich.

Live within your income.

Save when you are young, to spend when you are old.

Keep good company, or none.

Good company and good conversation are the sinews of virtue.

Your character cannot be essentially injured except by your own acts.

Never speak evil of anyone.

If anybody speaks evil of you, let yourself disprove it.

At night, think over what you have done during the day.

Read the above, carefully and thoughtfully, at least once a week.

—President Garfield, in Sunday School Digest.

# The "Tator" Family

REV. D. H. DELK

(Continued from November 22 issue.)

We wrote about the spectator and the commentator, now we will mention

## THE AGITATOR

An agitator is a fellow who starts trouble and keeps it going, the fellow who keeps the water muddy, the fellow who loves discord and friction. According to the good Book, God does not love agitators any too well, for he that soweth discord among the brethren is one of the seven things God hates, Proverbs 6:16-19. Yes, the agitator is a bad tator, a rotten tator.

I sincerely believe many become agitators unaware; that is, they sow discord unconsciously. Many folks try to fix things but don't know what to say, or they say the wrong thing, or what they say is twisted and told differently. Consequently, the result is confusion, discord and agitation. Our Saviour was not a long-winded commentator. He said, "Let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." When we go to extra trouble and long speeches, adding in our opinions and suppositions to prove things, we are likely to become an agitator instead of a peacemaker.

Curiosity helps make agitators. It has killed many saints, or transformed them to agitators and troublemakers. Paul said, "Study to be quiet, and do your own business." We are also admonished not to be nosy, busybodies, for these things stir up strife and rob of spirituality. The story is told of a young married couple getting two tickets to a show, with a card attached, saying, "Guess who sent these." So they went, wondering who could have been so generous as to send them. When they returned, they found their house had been robbed and on the table lay a little note, saying, "Now you know." It doesn't pay to ignore the Word of God. Let your yea be yea and your nay be nay and then hush. Don't be an agitator, for he gossips. He has a keen sense of rumor, that never makes peace.

## THE IMITATOR

He is the "copy cat," as they say; he is the mimic. Many preachers hurt

themselves trying to be like other preachers; trying to talk, act, and preach like some who are their ideals. Well, some of this may be all right, but it seldom profits, for most people discern it very quickly. A man says to his neighbor, "Have you spoken to your son about mimicking me?" And his neighbor says, "Yes, I told him not to act like a fool." Well, it is not foolish to imitate Christ, but let us keep in mind that He is our pattern, He is our example. Now don't misunderstand me. I think it is very good to quote good men now and then, and read their books to get their help. But be real, be original, be your own self.

"Don't be what you ain't; jes' be what you is;

'Cause if you is not what you am, den you am not what you is.

If you is jes' a small tadpole, don't try to be a frog;

If you is jes de tail, don't try to wag de dog.

Yes, you may sometimes pass de plate, if you can't exhort and preach;

Or, if you is jes' a pebble, don't try to be a beach.

Don't be what you ain't, jes' be what you is.

It ain't what you has been; IT AM WHAT YOU NOW IS."

—Author Unknown.

An imitator is a twin brother to a counterfeiter. He is not genuine in every respect. It is said that a woman wanted a car for her birthday, and her husband bought her a string of pearls because he could not find an imitation car anywhere.

## THE DICTATOR

He is the boss, the one who says "go" and expects it done. Well, there are many people who are power crazy these days. If they can get the authority to dictate, they are seemingly happy. But Solomon says, "This is vanity." In third John, we read about Diotrephes. He must have been the dictator type, because he seemed to want to be chief cook and bottle washer, so to speak. He loved to have pre-eminence. He wanted folks to know he knew something. He was authority. Someone said Adam would have been perfect, if Eve could have been made first, then she could have bossed the job of making Adam. Well, a church boss is unnecessary. God doesn't want bosses or dictators over His heritage.

In closing, I say, let us pray and try not to become a careless spectator, an empty commentator, a mean agitator, a false imitator, or a bossy dictator. Last but not least, don't eat these five tators, for they will surely give you spiritual cramp colic.

Love can always find something to do.

Love in the heart will keep beams out of the eyes.

# THE PRAYER OF FAITH

Like the people of Nazareth, who would not believe the Bible when Jesus read it to them and then expected Him to do mighty works, there are many today who will not believe James 5:14 and the other promises on healing and then expect some "miracle man" to come along and do something that Jesus could not do; namely, pray "the prayer of faith" for those who will not believe the Bible.

The prayer of faith is not some mythical abstract thing that "gifted" persons possess, but it is the simple belief that Jesus took our infirmities and bore our sickness on the cross, as well as our sins, and it cannot be offered for those who do not believe

James 5:14 any more than it can be offered for those who do not believe John 3:16.

The oil symbolically places our sickness upon the cross, as water baptism does our sins, and those who believe James 5:14 know that they do not need anything else, even if they are worse afterwards. Strict obedience of the commandment, however, will always bring results, for God is not a man that He could lie, and the prayer of faith will save any sick Christian, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins they will be forgiven him.

The word "any" in James 5:14 is as all-inclusive for Christians as the  
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# FASTING

REV. D. C. BOATWRIGHT, Overseer of Virginia

We hear many today asking, "Why?" Some are asking, "Why can't we be like other people?" Still others are asking, "Why don't we have more power with God?" And again, "Why don't we have a great revival in our church?" Then there is the man who asks, "Why don't we see some wonderful miracles performed today?" This seems to be the same spirit that troubled the apostles in the days of Jesus' time on earth. Note Mark 9:17-29. Here we have a case where the disciples were unable to cast the dumb spirit of the devil out of the child, and Jesus came on the scene and cast the demon from the child. Later when they were alone, they asked Him the question, "Why could not we cast him out?" Jesus told them the reason they were unable to do many things, and this is the reason we are unable to accomplish so many things that come before us in our everyday life. Jesus said, in verse 29, this kind comes out by *nothing* but by prayer and fasting. So we see here that what prayer alone will not accomplish, fasting and prayer will bring to pass. Oh, so many of our prayers are only half answered, because only half of the conditions are met. Many of God's people today are not acquainted with this more effective prayer method, that of fasting and praying, which moves the hand that controls the universe, and will open the heart of God, also the windows of heaven, and bring the forces of God and the Holy Spirit into action in your behalf. It will actually move God to put the Holy Spirit to work in your behalf.

We must all admit that the early Church had power and favor with God, and there was a reason why they had this power and favor—they spent much of their time in fasting and prayer. Note Acts 14:23, "And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed *with* fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed." Note, in connection with this truth, Acts

13:2, 3, "And as they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away." I want you to notice that after they had fasted and prayed the Holy Ghost spoke to them. Brother, if we had more fasting and not so much feasting, we would get more messages from heaven. Note again, Acts 10:30. Cornelius was praying and fasting, and according to his own testimony God spake to him, telling him what to do. God still speaks to the man who will do a little fasting with his praying.

Let me call your attention to Paul's admonition to the ministry, in 2 Cor. 6:1-10. In verse 3, he states, "Giving no offence in anything, that the ministry be not blamed." In verse 4, he states again, "But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses. In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in *fastings*." Brother, you have never approved yourself to God unless you are a fasting minister, according to Paul's letter.

The Word teaches us in Matt. 17:14-21, that fasting will cure even unbelief. Note verse 20, in which Jesus states, "Because of your unbelief," when they asked why they could not do this. He then adds in verse 21, that one can get rid of unbelief by fasting—"this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting."

The fasting prayer opens a drawing account on the limitless reserve of heaven, but if you want a big check cashed, or honored, it must be signed with two signatures — Prayer and Fasting. Remember, Jesus said this kind goes out by *nothing* but by *prayer* and *fasting*. Jesus states, in Matt. 6:18, that after a fast He will reward them openly. Tell me how God can reward us openly if we refuse to do the things that He told us to do.



Do you want this reward that He promised? As it is today, the Church is not enjoying a full blessing because of the failure to do these things. If we claim to be a full-gospel people, we must do these things in order to enjoy a full blessing. Fasting not only empties the stomach, but also empties the heart of its draught and unbelief.

It is a known fact that fasting is one of the greatest curative agents known to man. It consumes and drives out the poison toxins and body filth that cause most of the diseases. When we feed a diseased body, we also feed the disease. Fasting will help to drive the disease from your body.

God refuses to heal a body of a disease that has been brought on by a refusal to fast and an overloaded system.

Jesus said, in Matt. 5:20, "Except your righteousness exceed that of the scribes and the Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." Friend, remember that these men mentioned here fasted twice a week, and we are told that our righteousness must go beyond.

We are told in Luke 21:35, not to be overcharged with surfeiting. According to Webster, to *surfeit* means to indulge to excess in eating. Many are the results of this surfeiting that goes on around about us today, and we can find this spirit even in our own ranks. Jesus states that the coming of the Lord will take a man who is a surfeiter unaware, and catch him as a snare.

Many wonder why they don't get healed. Proclaim a solemn fast now, and then watch for the Lord to re-

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# "Ye Did Run Well; Who Did Hinder You?"

By Rev. John E. Douglas, State Overseer of Arizona

Text: Galatians 5:7, "*Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?*"

Our text is the words of Paul to the Galatians, but in this message we wish to apply it to the Church in general, from the day of Pentecost down to our present time.

The Holy Ghost founded the Church on the day of Pentecost. We read in Acts, the second chapter, how He came from heaven as a mighty rushing wind, and the one hundred and twenty sanctified disciples were all filled with the Holy Ghost. They were baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire—clothed with power from on high, Acts 1:8. The Greek word used here is "dynamis," the same word from which our English word "dynamite" comes. Hence, the literal reading: "You shall receive dynamite, the Holy Ghost having come on you."

The late W. B. Godbey says of the one hundred and twenty: "The battle had been fought on the bloody fields of consecration and faith and a ten-day prayer meeting without intermission. They had gone down to the bottom rock of consecration and prayed up to the triumphant altitudes of faith."

"They had spent the ten days on their knees and prostrate on the floor. They had prayed to the highlands, where heavenly visions, in seraphic splendor, rolled in floods of unearthly glory, inundating that memorable mission room with an electrical panorama of the long-anticipated descending Comforter. Hark! the roar of a cyclone filled the firmament. Behold! forked tongues of flaming fire sat upon each of them and flooded the room with unearthly illumination. That upper room could no longer hold the fire-baptized one hundred and twenty. What a stampede downstairs! All mouths were wide open, stentorian voices roared like lions, aroused the city, and thousands of people rushed from all directions to see what was the matter."

God had "opened the windows of heaven" and the blessed Holy Ghost had come as a mighty "Niagara," to make His home in the Church. "And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? Others mocking, said, These men are full of new wine."

At this time, Peter stood up in their midst and began to preach, not "firstly, secondly, thirdly," nor did he preach from manuscript, but under the unction of the Holy Ghost—"We are not drunken as ye suppose . . . but this is that spoken by the prophet Joel." This Holy Ghost sermon brought conviction. Acts 2:37, "They were pricked in their heart"—the results of which were about three thousand saved.

The writer visited a certain convention sometime ago, where they were having conference and discussing how to reach the masses. There were many different methods discussed, one of them was "movie evangelism." I thought, as I listened, what would the apostles think of the man-made methods? What would Peter and Paul do with "movie evangelism"? They had no time for such man-made methods in the early Church. Instead of "movie evangelism," they had "moving evangelism"—moved by the dynamite of the Holy Ghost. Everywhere they went they turned the "world upside down" (Acts 17:6), Holy Ghost dynamite working through them, blasting the debris of Satan in every direction, making a highway of holiness for the King of Glory.

How foolish it would be for a man to take a toy spade and try to move the side of a mountain when there is plenty of dynamite that will do the work. It is my honest conviction that if the Church would spend about three fourths of the time spent in conferences, in consecration and prayer, we would reach more of the masses. The method of the early Church was: "We will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the min-

istry of the Word," Acts 6:4.

"And dally in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ," Acts 5:42. "And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, by stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness," Acts 4:29-31. "AND THEY CONTINUED STEDFASTLY IN THE APOSTLES' DOCTRINE AND FELLOWSHIP, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers," Acts 2:42.

## The Early Church Did Run Well— What Hindered It?

The Church ran well as long as the Holy Ghost ran the Church, but when the Church took over and tried to tell the Holy Ghost how to run it, it lost its power with God. To the blessed Holy Ghost has been committed the entire administration of the Church from the day of Pentecost until our Lord Jesus Christ returns in glory. He is the only Vicar of Christ on earth; He is the "Voice of God"—to Him only has been committed the prerogative of communicating that voice. He presided over the early Church in every matter.

In the selection of an apostle to fill Judas Iscariot's place; in the selection of missionaries, Acts 13:2; in the first council of the church at Jerusalem, Acts 15:28, "It seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us." A venerable divine of the Church of England, has expressed his belief that this same council at Jerusalem was the first and the last at which the Holy Spirit may be said to have presided. It is very easy to see what hindered the early Church, when one reads the *Ante-Nicene Fathers*, *Eusebius*, or *Neander's Church History*.

*Neander's History*, Vol. 1, page 190, gives us the first three changes the Church made after the death of the apostles. The first was "the distinction of bishops from presbyters (elders), and the gradual development of the monarchico-episcopal church government." This seems like a little thing, but it is a big thing in the eyes of God, because it is departing from the New Testament pattern. The New Testament clearly teaches that



there is no difference between a bishop and an elder, and that the Holy Ghost does not rule the Church by a monarchico-episcopal (a few bishops) church government (Acts 15:22). Some claim that Christ and the apostles did not fashion any organization, or government, for His Church, but I certainly do not agree with them. The New Testament sets forth a complete government for the Church. Any more is too much; any less is too little. The second change the Church made was a distinction of the clergy from the laity, and the formation of a sacerdotal caste, as opposed to the evangelical idea of the priesthood. The third change was "the multiplication of church offices." This creation of so many church offices was a departure from the New Testament pattern. The apostles and ministers in their day spent very little, if any, time in offices; they were too busy winning souls for Christ. I am certainly not opposed to the Church having an office, but let us not get too many. Too many offices are dead weights on the Church. The more offices, the more money it takes to build them, the more men it takes from evangelistic efforts to operate them, and the heavier the load on the Church. "Let us lay aside every weight . . . and run the race." So the early Church continued on the downward trend from bad to worse. It was certainly not God's will for it to go into the Dark Ages—it went into the Dark Ages because it would not listen to the voice of the blessed Holy Ghost and obey God's Word.

The council of Nicea, A. D. 325, was

not a victory for the Church, but a great defeat. Constantine even passed the death sentence upon some who did not agree with him in doctrine. After the Dark Ages, the morning sun began to dawn, with such great leaders as Luther, the Wesleys, Booth, Cartwright, Whitfield, Finney, and others. We see that the organizations founded by some of these men ran well for awhile, but something hindered them. What it was, every reader of their history may clearly see. They quenched the Holy Spirit's manifestations and departed from the plan laid down by their founders. The Methodist Church was on fire during the days of Peter Cartwright. Cartwright says this: "The illiterate Methodist preachers actually set the world on fire, while some of the others were lighting their matches." And he says concerning their camp meetings: "There were in attendance at times from twelve to twenty-five thousand people. It was said by true witnesses that at times more than one thousand persons broke out into loud shouting, and that the shouts could be heard for miles around . . . I have seen more than five hundred jerking at one time . . . then they would rise up and dance . . . the ladies' bonnets, caps and combs would fly."

I will ask the reader, do we see anything like that in the Methodist Church today? The history of most every denomination shows that they ran well for awhile, but as soon as they put in leaders who would quench the Spirit and stop His manifestations, they would dry up, and God would raise up another group of humble people to carry on His work. About fifty years ago, a little band of humble people were praying for an outpouring of the Holy Ghost and in answer to their prayers the "Latter Rain" began to fall. This great outpouring is described in the book "With Signs Following," by Stanley H. Frodsham. (Everyone should read this book.)

About forty-one years ago, in that old whitewashed building on Azusa Street the angels were heard singing. The services continued from 10 a. m. every day until midnight or after. People falling under the power, dancing in the Spirit, singing in tongues, yes, these were days of heaven on earth. Remember, this was taking place in an old whitewashed building. One wonders why all the big church buildings would not open wide their doors and say, "Holy Ghost people, come in" —but ah, "Fanaticism," cries the dried-up, ecclesiastical professor; "The Flesh,"

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RUINS OF CLIFF PALACE IN MESE VERDE NATIONAL PARK, Colorado.



## ONE-MINUTE SERMON

Cares Heavy?

1 Peter 5:7

*I shall not ask you if you have cares; everyone does these days. But what do you resort to when those cares are heavy? Do this and be happy: trust in God; cast all your cares upon Him, for He careth for you—not just one, two, or three cares; but accept His generous invitation and cast all upon Him. By so doing you'll have courage to meet each trial with faith in your heart. Think of it! God is personally interested in you.—*  
Manuel Campbell.

# Foreign Missions

All the World—  
Every Creature

J. STEWART BRINSFIELD  
Executive Missions Secretary

## SOUTH CAROLINA CHURCH MADE CHRISTMAS BRIGHTER FOR MISSIONARIES

December 30, 1947

The Church of God  
Rev. Hoyle Case, Pastor  
McColl, South Carolina  
U. S. A.

Dear Brethren and Friends:

To express appreciation and gratitude is an established and recognized usage of good etiquette. Sometimes it is done without sincerity and simply because of these reasons, but we missionaries in India, who were the recipients of your lovely Christmas gifts, hope you will accept our words of thanks and appreciation as sincerely and heartily as we offer them.

We (the Frenches) had informed our children that they should not expect too much for Christmas. The other missionary families were just about as well off as we, and I'm sure were not planning for any great festival.

Your liberal offering was received gleefully by us as well as the children. It provided some toys, such as could be purchased, some candies and sweets, and oranges. Of course, you will understand that even if we had all one's heart could wish for, Christmas outside the U.S.A. is always lacking in some respect. There is a lack of proper sentiment and Christmas spirit that prevails in our American homes. One feels very keenly the absence of loved ones and that good American Church of God fellowship, but to receive a gift from Church of God friends certainly brings back pleasant memories and the Christmas spirit. I'm sure I am expressing the sentiment of all your workers in India.

Again we say, thank you for your thoughtfulness and kindness. We thank you for your interest in the Lord's work in India. We hope that we might have special mention in

your prayers to God. May God bless your church in McColl and cause His face to shine upon you in your Christian endeavors. Let us hear from you again sometime, and as our work progresses we shall be happy to let you know of the increase in your church.

Very truly yours,  
C. E. French,  
For the Missionary Staff,  
Church of God in India.

### A DECISION By WAYNE McAFEE

It was a lovely day and, as I sat in the classroom, I did not want to study, yet I knew that that was what I had to do in order to learn, and my learning was all-important, for it meant bringing the gospel to those who need it so much — those who have never heard! After class, I started to my dormitory room and found a notice to call Cleveland, Tennessee.

Three weeks before, however, I had written Brother Brinsfield, our Executive Missions Secretary, that I would like to attend the Summer Institute of Linguistics for a second-year course, in order to learn more how to translate the Bible in a language that as yet does not have any portion of the Word of God, and asked him about possibilities of going to Guatemala in September after the General Assembly. I received from him a very encouraging answer. Now, I was looking forward to a very important date in my life—graduation from college. Then, this day came.

When I answered the phone, it was Brother Brinsfield. He gave me the sad news that our dear Brother Furman, such a great warrior for the cause of the cross, had gone on to his reward, leaving a great loss among the Indians in Guatemala. Then, in a simple, straightforward way, Brother Brinsfield asked me if I would not go



Wayne McAfee

to Guatemala in the immediate future. I did not know how to answer him. What a problem I had! The first thought I had was to pray, so I told him I would inform him as soon as I could. I rushed to my room, where I agonized to God concerning His perfect will.

I discussed this serious matter with my roommate, Lacy Powell, another Church of God young man, who is very consecrated and lives close to the Lord. I appreciate Lacy very much and was anxious to hear what he would say concerning the decision. First, however, I made a list on a sheet of paper of reasons why I should go and reasons why I should stay in school. The reasons concerning my staying consisted mainly of the fact that I would be able to serve the Church better if I waited and finished college, i.e. in the eyes of the Government and other church peoples, than if I would go now. But the reasons for going were that there was a great need at the *present time* for a worker in Guatemala, and since God has impressed me to do linguistic work for Him, and there is such a need for that type of work in Guatemala, I felt that the Lord was opening a way. Too, Sister Carroll has been very ill and Brother Carroll is hindered from working as he could because of this illness. They need help badly, immediately, in spreading the Word, and since I know them well, I did not feel that I could let them down, for they asked me to come. Also, many

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# REQUESTS... for Prayer

## PRAY FOR:

God to heal me of a serious throat trouble.—J. L. Sanders, Atlanta, Ga.  
 God to heal me of high blood pressure; my granddaughter; my two backslidden children.—Sarah M. Johnson, Oconee, Georgia.  
 My nephew who has shrinkage of the brain; his father to be saved.—Mary Crabtree, Ohio.  
 The healing of my mother; me to be bolder for Jesus.—Lula Duffell, Muskogee, Okla.  
 God to heal my body.—C. N. O'Kelley, Rockmart, Ga.  
 The healing of my eyes.—Jerry Lambert, Seth, W. Va.  
 The complete healing of our infant son, who has enlarged heart and difficult breathing.—Paul J. Brown, Weir, Kansas.  
 The healing of my body.—Florence Easter.  
 Our baby to be healed; me to live closer to the Lord.—Mrs. R. L. Lawrence, W. Va.  
 My little girl, who had a serious fall; my mother and husband; me to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Luther Perry, Ferdinandina, Fla.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Smith's little boy, who has some kind of skin ailment.—Mrs. James Matthews, McLeansboro, Ill.  
 An unspoken request.—A sister, Tampa, Fla.  
 An urgent unspoken request.—L. Harrell, Detroit, Mich.  
 A very special unspoken request.—Mr. and Mrs. Perry Edwards, Canton, Ohio.  
 The complete healing of my body.—Mrs. C. S. Nichols, Urbana, Ill.  
 God to heal my body.—Mrs. Myrtle Whitaker, Cookeville, Tenn.  
 God to heal my body.—Mrs. George Abston, Crawford, Tenn.  
 My uncle and aunt to be saved.—Mrs. Bill Muncy, Bluefield, Va.  
 The healing of my body.—Judge Boatman, Tomnolen, Miss.  
 Evangelist M. L. Headly who is very ill; my grandchild in the hospital; our pastor; my mother; me.—C. Bean, East Bermuda.  
 The healing of my legs and ankles; my wife.—A brother, Greenville, S. C.  
 An urgent unspoken request.—A reader, Albany, Ga.  
 Our pastor to be healed of a bad heart attack.—Brother Wyse, California.  
 The healing of my body; my daughter to be healed; her husband to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Julia Poropat, Davin, W. Va.  
 The healing of my body.—Mrs. Mertie W. Farmer.  
 God to save my sister and give her a desire to go to church; a very urgent unspoken request.—A sister, Danville, Va.  
 The healing of my body.—Mrs. Bessie Swank, Somerset, Pa.  
 The healing of my sister's body.—A sister, Lakeland, Fla.  
 My body to be healed; a very special unspoken request.—A sister, Calhoun, Ga.  
 My healing.—William Roberson, Lebanon, Mo.  
 My daughter and her husband to be saved; their five children.—A sister, Joplin, Mo.

My daughter to be healed and that she will come back home.—Sarah Sharp, Robbinsville, N. C.  
 The healing of my body.—Mrs. J. F. Graham, Jonesboro, Ark.  
 My son to be saved.—A worried mother, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 My sister to be healed of cancer of the stomach.—Mrs. Odelle Wells, Ashland, Ala.  
 My son's eye to be healed.—Betty Shaw, Duncan, Ariz.  
 The healing of my son's body; my family; the healing of my body.—Mrs. Flora Cantrell, Bessemer City, N. C.  
 My brother-in-law to be healed; God to give us a place to worship; my unsaved loved ones.—Mrs. Ward, Williamston, N. C.  
 My husband and son to be saved; my body to be healed; a man and woman in our neighborhood to be saved.—A sister, Mount Gay, W. Va.  
 My mother to be healed of high blood pressure and sugar diabetes and effects of a stroke.—Mrs. L. O. Lair, Pittsburg, Kansas.  
 My loved ones to be saved.—A sister, Shaw, Miss.  
 My wife to be healed of heart trouble and suffering in her neck.—R. H. Walker, Goldsboro, N. C.  
 God to completely heal my body; my husband to be saved and find work.—Mrs. Fanny Adams, Jackson, Wyoming.  
 The healing of my body; my children to be saved.—Elizabeth Hickman, Kingsport, Tenn.  
 The healing of my body.—Virgil C. Hanger, Elkins, W. Va.  
 God to heal my body.—M. A. Tate, Mullens, W. Va.  
 A friend of mine to be healed.—Tressie Wilkins, Addison, Ala.  
 My brother who is suffering from head trouble.—Mrs. Redmond, Perdido, Ala.  
 Marie Bell, Talladega, Ala.  
 The healing of my body.—D. W. Moore, Ferdinandina, Fla.  
 My family to be healed of the flu; my loved ones to be saved.—Clara Castell, Shelby, Miss.  
 My sister to be healed; my brother.—Mrs. Ruby G. Mollitt, Davisport, Ky.  
 My boy who has asthma, hay fever and a growth in his nose that makes it hard for him to breathe; the healing of my body.—Mrs. Tom Goodson, Weatherford, Tex.  
 The healing of my eyes and body; an urgent unspoken request; my daughter.—A sister, Danville, Va.  
 A very urgent unspoken request.—A sister.  
 God to heal me; my seventeen-year-old son to be saved and healed; my two daughters.—A sister.  
 Me to be healed of T. B.—Mrs. Nola Ford, Chattanooga, Tenn.  
 The healing of my head, which is causing me much suffering; a special unspoken request.—Mrs. Ben Herman, Selma, Ala.  
 God to heal me of heart trouble.—Mrs. A. H. Reynolds, Rome, Ga.  
 My husband to receive the Holy Ghost and get to attend Lee College next year.—A member.

home for prayer meetings. She will be missed, but her good Christian influence will live on. Remember her family in prayer.—C. J. Norris, clerk.

## PHILLIPS

Mother departed this life November 18, 1947, to be with Jesus. She was sixty-three years, seven months, and nine days old. She was a loyal member of the Church of God at Alarka, North Carolina. She leaves a husband, five daughters, and one son. I feel sure I shall see my mother again, by God's help.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. W. R. Phillips and Rev. P. Walker, at the Church of God at Alarka. The body was laid to rest in the Cochran Cemetery.—Mrs. Fred Green, her daughter.

## HOLLAND

In memory of William Leroy Holland, one of our most beloved, respected and esteemed ministers in the State of Mississippi, a young man in the prime of life, with a bright future, progressing in the ministry and in knowledge, wisdom and understanding; but somehow the Lord gave to him the greatest promotion that can ever be conferred upon a minister—the call from earth to heaven.

He was born June 23, 1922, and died November 23, 1947, at Jasper, Alabama. He was saved in 1942 and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and kept the victory for fourteen months while overseas. Even on the battlefield God was with him.

He was the pastor of the Church of God at Jasper, Alabama, at the time of his death and his last message to the church on Wednesday night was that he was ready to go, and he talked about how beautiful heaven was. Thursday, about 3:30 p. m., the fatal accident occurred and Roy went to heaven.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. W. R. Messer, his pastor, with seven other ministers taking part: A. D. Gammill, A. D. Temple, J. L. Hillman, Wiley Holland, Hiram Holland, Reverend Barrett, and Rev. E. L. Phurrough, who preached the funeral.

His body was laid to rest in the Byrds Chapel Church of God Cemetery.—W. R. Messer.

Obedience puts our feet on God's promises so faith can plead our cause without embarrassment before heaven's court.

## OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," Ps. 116:15.

### MURRAY

On December 14, 1947, the death angel called our loving grandmother, Jane Murray, home to be with Jesus. She was a faithful member of the Church of God at Murrays Chapel. She is greatly missed by her family and many friends.—Mrs. M. F. Robinson.

### LIVELY

Brother Richard Lively, age seventy-

four years, went on to be with Jesus on December 6, 1947. He was a faithful member of the Shrewsbury church for a number of years. He left behind a wonderful testimony, and we know he was ready, so our loss is heaven's gain.—Beulah Lane, his niece.

### MOORE

Sister Gertie Moore, a charter member of the Church of God at Weyanoke, W. Va., left this world to be with Jesus November 8, 1947. She was a faithful Christian and a soul winner for Jesus. She was always interested in the Lord's work and opened her



# Reports

## FROM THE FIELD

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### From One of Our Boys in Germany

Dear Brother Walker:

Greetings in the blessed name of Jesus. While reading the Evangel, I read of your letter from Brother Lauster and that he is stationed here in Germany. I, too, feel as he does. We have a great need over here and that it is our duty as Christians to help as much as possible. I am stationed in Wiesbaden, Germany, and we have no Church of God here, only a small group from the Assembly. Therefore, I depend on the *Evangel* and the *Lighted Pathway* for most of my sermons. Truly they are a blessing to have.

One cannot realize what it means to be here until one gets out and sees the need and how these people live. We have people here who live in cellars, air-raid shelters and just any place which affords a roof over their heads. I work in the Germany Youth Office and deal mostly with orphans, so I come in contact with the worst.

Today, the people here care not if they live or die. Life holds nothing for them. They don't live from day to day, but rather from meal to meal. Most of the children are without clothing, especially shoes and stockings. One can count the ribs of their frail bodies. For most of them, their meal consists of black bread and coffee made from ground beets.

They have lost faith in God. They remind one of a dog that has been beaten and starved. We have an American Sunday School for German children. Those off the streets and of very poor families attend. We have a total of approximately 375. They seem eager to learn our ways, but to make them understand what it means to be a real Christian is almost impossible. Dancing and drinking is to them what playing is to our children. Of course, it will take years to get out of the older ones the bitterness imbedded in their hearts.

On my visits to the orphanage. I find many things that almost break my heart. People here haven't love for one another. Their motto is "self first." When you tell them about God and His love for them, they say, "If

He is a loving God, why do we suffer so?" The older folks are so set in their ways that it is hard to change them. To them religion is a form of worship that has been handed down from generation to generation. As long as they go to church and are seen there by the preacher, they feel as if they had done their duty.

You do not find that brotherly love here, that sweet peace we feel in our church. We need the prayers of each and everyone in the Church. We must pray that somehow God will show them the way and let them have a taste of old time salvation.

Are you wondering as to who I am and why I am writing to you? I am a member of the Church of God in Canton, Ohio. I can say from the depths of my heart that I'm glad to have old time salvation, and no matter what comes or where we may go, we can still have it. I do want to live so that others may find the way. Pray for me. I know you are still praying for Europe. I hope to hear from you all and may God's richest blessing be on you and all the Church.

Sincerely,  
S/Sgt. Gladys B. Mitchell  
Sq. D, Hq. Comd., USAF  
APO 633, c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

### Every Department Growing

CARTERSVILLE, Ga.—We are praising the Lord for the way He is blessing our church. Every department of the church is growing. Our Sunday School has almost doubled in attendance and the Y.P.E. is showing a good interest. We want the Lord to have the glory for what is accomplished. We thank the Lord for our good pastor, Brother Roy Shields, who has the work at heart. We hope to

start a revival soon. Pray that many lost souls will accept the Lord.—Paul Stephens, clerk.

### DISTRICT CONVENTION AT PARMA, MISSOURI

Rev. Wilma Henry was in charge. The evening speaker was Rev. E. E. Rhodes, of Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Brother Henry, the state overseer of Missouri, gave instructions on the teachings of the Church.

### 40 FILLED WITH HOLY GHOST

WEST DURHAM, N. C.—The Church of God at West Durham, North Carolina, is having the greatest year of its entire history. God has truly visited His people here. We give you some of the facts.

We have had three special all-day services thus far this year, and during these special services we took offerings for our building fund that totaled \$6,500. We are building a beautiful brick-veneer church, costing approximately \$22,000. We are worshipping in the ground floor of the new church now. The church is located on a lot worth \$2,500, on the main thoroughfare of the city of Durham. The main national route, passing through the city, comes by the church door, Route 70. A neon sign, saying, "Church of God," greets each passer-by.

We have broken all records in every department of the church this year. The L.W.W.B. has raised over \$3,200 this year. The Sunday School attendance has far surpassed any previous year. The Y.P.E. is one of the main features of the church. The tithes have jumped to approximately \$120 per week recently. Our membership has more than doubled. We are running close to the one hundred mark.

We closed a revival last Sunday night, which was the greatest in the history of the church. Sister B. J. Hillhouse was the evangelist. She is a great evangelist. The results were thirty saved, twenty-seven sanctified, forty filled with the Holy Ghost, and twenty-eight added to the church. —Roland Verrico, pastor.

### PILLOW TOPS

Made of nylon silk, with silk fringe, on which are the following designs and buildings of Lee College, Cleveland, Tennessee: 1. The Library Building. 2. "Old Main." 3. Alumni Building and "Old Main." 4. Boys' Dormitory. 5. Lee College campus view of "Old Main" and adjoining buildings. 6. Boys' Home for Orphans. 7. The new "Girls' Home" on Montgomery Avenue. 8. The Statue of Liberty. Made up in beautiful colors. Size, 16 inches. Retail price, \$1.50. Special prices to agents. Write for prices.

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# REVIVALS

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Just recently we closed one of the greatest revivals in the history of our church. Rev. Harry Mushegan was the evangelist. He is one of our very best preachers. His prayers, songs, and sermons were elevating. Sister Mushegan was also a great blessing in the revival. The services were well attended. There were twenty-four saved, twenty-six sanctified, twelve baptized with the Holy Ghost, and twenty-eight added to the church. Others are still coming. Brother and Sister Mushegan will prove a blessing to your church. We hope to have them back with us again this year. The Lord is wonderfully blessing the church here.—Max L. Atkins, pastor.

PARMA, Missouri—I came here after the Assembly last year. We had a four weeks' revival in which there were eighty-six saved, forty sanctified, thirty-seven filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-eight added to the church, and thirty-five baptized in water.—L. J. Potts, pastor.

## Greatest Revival in Years

NEW SUMMITT, Ark.—We are still praising God for the wonderful revival at New Summitt. We thank God for sending Rev. J. H. McDowell for our pastor. God surely did send him, for He blessed him from the beginning of the revival, September 21, and it ran five weeks. There were twenty-eight saved, nine sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, thirty added to the church, and twenty-three baptized in water. Rev. J. H. McDowell preached the first three weeks and Brother Irvin Hussman, of California, preached the other two weeks. God wonderfully blessed in saving souls and healing the sick. We have a nice group of young people here and we really thank God for them. Pray that God will continue to bless us.—Mrs. W. E. McCain.

SOUTH GREENWOOD, S. C.—Just recently we closed a wonderful revival, lasting three and a half weeks, with Brother "Happy" Tom Brooks

doing the preaching. He was at his best in giving out the Word. There was a number of definite experiences of salvation and sanctification, twelve received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and six were added to the church.

One of the most outstanding features of the revival was our healing service each Saturday night. God put His approval upon these services and a number were healed. On Sunday morning, November 16, we had a wonderful outpouring of the Holy Ghost. There were six miraculously filled with the Spirit. I have never witnessed anything like it in all my ministry. The people were running, leaping, and shouting all over the building. We were made to think of the people on the day of Pentecost, according to Acts 2:4. It appeared that the entire building was filled with the presence of God.

The meeting certainly was a great blessing to the church. We were all refilled with the mighty Spirit and love of God. This revival will be remembered by all who attended, as one of the greatest in many ways.

May God bless our dear Brother Brooks as he continues in the evangelistic work.—W. D. Childers, pastor.

AMARILLO, Tex.—We have just closed a revival. The evangelist was Rev. W. E. Mitchell, of Munday, Texas. Several accepted the Lord, three were filled with the Holy Ghost, twelve united with the church and four came by transfer. The Lord's Supper and feet washing were observed. The power of God was manifested in every service, and everyone was richly blessed and encouraged to fight the good fight of faith until Jesus comes or calls.

The church here isn't very old but the work is growing and we have almost doubled in membership in the past six months. Our Y.P.E. is progressing, also. We had our record attendance recently. The president is a fine young man and a good musician. The L. W. W. B. is doing a good work. They just recently laid new rugs around the altars, and plan to

fix up the parsonage, also. They meet every Wednesday at the parsonage and stay all day. They pray, sing, quilt, embroidery, and crochet. We always have a good dinner. The ladies bring a covered dish. Pray for us. Anyone passing through, stop and visit us, and enjoy the good blessings of the Lord with us.—J. W. Warner, pastor.

LIBERTY CHURCH, ALMA, Ga.—We praise God for a five weeks' revival, with pastor Dalphus Smith and Brother Ridgeway doing the preaching. The blessed Holy Ghost took charge and there were as many as seventy-five in the altar seeking God. God worked in a wonderful way. There were sixteen saved, nine sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, and fifteen added to the church. Everybody pray that our little church will keep on growing.—Sister Kermit Tanner.

La FRANK, W. Va.—We wish to report a successful revival which has recently closed, conducted by our pastor, Rev. D. R. Speck. There were nine saved, one sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, and the church greatly blessed. The people now have a mind to work and our new church is being completed. Pray for us here at La Frank, as we need your prayers in trying to carry on the good work.—Phyllis Doris.

GLASGOW, Ky.—We are still working for the Lord. We have a good Sunday School with much interest shown. Our Y.P.E. is really a blessing to our church. We have just closed a revival here in Glasgow, with Catherine Mahaffey as the evangelist. The Lord surely blessed. Nine were converted, five sanctified, three baptized with the Holy Ghost, and one added to the church.—Catherine Saylor, clerk.

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## "YE DID RUN WELL; WHO DID HINDER YOU?"

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cries another. But I will say, if this good, old-time, Holy Ghost shouting, dancing in the Spirit, falling under the power, praying and singing in tongues is fanaticism and the flesh, the apostles and early Church had a very bad case of it. They were called drunk on the day of Pentecost. Paul, the General Overseer, fell under the power, Acts 9:4, and he prayed and sang in tongues, 1 Cor. 14:15. Would anyone have the audacity to say that Paul was fanatic, or in the flesh?

A man said to me one time, "Brother Douglas, I used to shout just like you do when I first got in the way, but I have become settled down now and don't do that any more, and when you get settled down you will quit so much of this shouting just like I have." I said, "Brother, you haven't settled down; you have just dried up." "But those days of shouting and manifestations of the Spirit were 'kindergarten,'" says a dried-up Pentecostal brother. I will say, if the blessed manifestations of the Holy Spirit are for kindergarten days, I pray God that I may live all my life in the kindergarten class.

Holy Ghost people were run out of the big fine church buildings about forty years ago; they had to rent old store buildings, tents, etc. Well, I had rather be in a store building, or tent, where the Holy Ghost can have His way, than to be a member of St. Peter's Cathedral of Rome without Him. A big per cent of our Holy Ghost preachers have been called from the cotton or cornfields and from factories. Large numbers of them have been born and reared in humble little homes, many without a grammar school education. But God is greatly using them; some are great leaders among us. The reason is, they are humble and depend on the Holy Ghost to help them.

The late Evangelist Gipsy Smith, who led thousands to Christ through his ministry, learned to read from signboards, after he was a grown man. When he started out to preach, his library consisted of a Bible, an English dictionary, and a Bible dictionary. The late Smith Wigglesworth, who has stirred the church with his great faith messages, was unlearned and ignorant. It was only after he was married that he learned to read. But

like the illiterate Peter and John, they had sat at the feet of Jesus, 1 Cor. 1:26-29, "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: that no flesh should glory in his presence."

We see here how the weakest instruments become mighty when used by the power of the Holy Ghost. God even used a rooster to crow to bring backslidden Peter to repentance. He used the dumb ass to rebuke stubborn Baalam. Adam Clarke says: "If the ass had opened her own mouth, and reproved the rash prophet, we might well be astonished; but when God opens the mouth, an ass can speak as well as a man."

In the Azusa revival, forty-one years ago, no instrument that God could use was rejected on account of dress, race, or lack of education. There are Pentecostal movements today that have people among them who would like to streamline Pentecost. Before one can be licensed to

preach in their movement they have to spend three or four years in their college. The manifestations of the Holy Spirit are not welcome in their midst. Let us remember, dear Church of God people, that if we ever begin quenching the Spirit in our local churches, state conventions, camp meetings, Bible Schools, College, Orphanage, or General Assemblies, we will lose our favor with God.

We thank the Lord for the fine large church buildings, Bible Schools, and College that He has given us, but let us be sure to keep the good Holy Ghost that we had in the old store buildings. Let us remember that we have been running well; let us keep running just like the blessed Holy Ghost started us, looking to Him for greater manifestations, signs, miracles and wonders in our midst. Amen.

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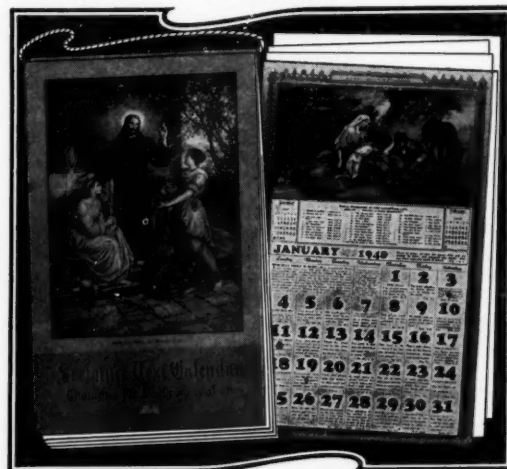
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## FASTING

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ward thee openly with healing for the body. This is a challenge to the Church of God today. Let us call a solemn fast and see great revivals, wonderful healings, the impossible come to pass, the salvation of that unsaved loved one, that mountain removed. Whatever you want that is according to the will of God you can have when you will fast and pray. That disease will go when you have fasted as God has commanded, and not until then.

Are you willing to get real results, and get them now? Let those who read this call a fast in their lives and see the marvelous results. Every little church can become a big one, if they will fast and pray. Remember, there are some things Jesus said can never happen until we fast and pray.

Let us not be like the people in Jeremiah 6:16, who said, "We will not walk therein." We now have light on this subject. Let us walk therein.

## THE PRAYER OF FAITH

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word "whosoever" in John 3:16 is for sinners, for, contrary to popular opinion, Christians do not have to die of disease. God has raised up people ninety years of age and then taken them home in their sleep six months later. Dorcas was the only one who died of sickness in the Acts of the Apostles, and we all know what happened to her. Moreover, if there ever was a time when James 5:14 would not work, it would be a paradox that would not only make James 5:14, Matthew 8:17, and Isaiah 53:4 lies, but would prove Jesus to be a false Messiah.

Faith based upon a "Thus saith the Lord" cannot be a "guess so" or "think so," but it is a "know so" substance of things hoped for and evidence of things not seen. The promises of God have to be yea and amen to everyone that believeth, and it is as foolish to add "if it be thy will" to James 5:14 as it is to add it to John 3:16.—Earl Cripps.

## GREAT PREACHERS AND SPEAKERS AT LEE COLLEGE

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by the wind. There is a great deal more commotion and emotion than after the wheat is threshed out, for from then on they are just bags of wheat. Nevertheless," he said, "they

are the genuine wheat."

It has often been said that analogies prove nothing, and this is certainly true, but they do give beautiful illustrations of what may be a central and very vital truth. The messages of Brother du Plessis were educational, interesting, and inspirational, and the whole school was made to feel that it would be a great treat to have him for a school revival.

One other feature in the school this year has been the appearance of Vincent Burns, noted poet, author, and lecturer, who has given America several great books. Among these is listed "Out of These Chains." This book is to be appreciated by those who are in favor of fair play, and look with disdain on political bigotry and prejudice.

Other great speakers are scheduled for the coming semester of Lee College, which, added to its many departments for the promotion of education and the imparting of knowledge, gives us a splendid program for the year. Visitors are invited to be with us at any time.

## A DECISION

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Guatemaltecos will die in the four-month period that I would have been finishing school, and I might be able to win some of them. The Lord is coming so very, very soon, as every sign is pointing, and I should rather be on the field when He comes than

in preparation.

When I showed these two groups of reasons to Brother Powell, and asked him what he thought, he said, "I think the verdict is pretty evident." He, as I, feels that education is very important in the Church today, but the immediate need in Guatemala is much the more important now! I prayed again and felt victory. It was not until then that I called my parents and told them what I felt to be the divine will of the Lord.

The Lord had taken care of things with them, too, for they felt that that was the will of the Lord, as well. They, as I, dreaded the moment of separation, for that is not easy, but the Lord has been with us through all this period of decision and preparation.

I do not consider my being unable to finish college as a sacrifice for Him, since He gave His all for me and for the world. I know that He doeth all things well, and should He so desire, I shall be able, during a furlough, to finish my education. And, should He come before my term is over, I shall be reaping golden sheaves for the great ingathering with the great Harvester, Jesus Christ.

During this period of decision, as the Lord worked out everything, I feel He was demonstrating more forcefully the reality of the question asked by the patient Job: "Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the Lord hath wrought this?" Job 12:9.

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